(Ireland.)

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For taking an Account of the Population of *Ireland*.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS it is expedient to take an Account of the total Number of Perſons in *Ireland*; Preamble.

May it therefore pleaſe Your MAJESTY,

That it may be Enacted; **And be it Enacted** by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That within that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Ireland*, ſome ſubſtantial Houſeholder or Houſeholders of every Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place, to be appointed in the Manner hereinafter directed, ſhall at the Time and in the Manner hereinafter directed, ſeverally take an Account of the Number of Perſons who ſhall be actually found at the Time of taking ſuch Accounts to be within the Limits of ſuch Pariſhes, Townſhips, and Places reſpectively, and ſhall ſet down the ſeveral Particulars reſpecting the ſame, according to the Form preſcribed by the Schedule annexed to this Act. Houſeholders of Pariſhes to take an Account of Perſons in their Limits.

2 And, for the more ſpeedy and effectual obtaining of ſuch Accounts, BE it further Enacted, That the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of the City of *Dublin*, and the Recorder of the ſaid City, and the Juſtices of the Peace and the Aſſiſtant Barriſters of the ſeveral and reſpective Counties in *Ireland*, ſhall, at the firſt Quarter Seſſions of the Peace which ſhall be held within their reſpective Counties after nominate and appoint one or more ſubſtantial Houſeholders, as the ſaid Juſtices, Recorder, and Aſſiſtant Barriſters ſhall in their Diſcretion think fit, of each and every Pariſh in *Ireland*, for the Purpoſe of executing this Act, and which ſuch Houſeholder or Houſeholders, as the Caſe may be, are hereby required to do. Juſtices, &c. to nominate Houſeholders.

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Printed Copies of this Act and Schedule to be transmitted to Clerks of the Peace, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That a ſufficient Number of printed Copies of this Act, and of the Schedule thereto, ſhall, ſo ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, be tranſmitted by His Majeſty's Printer to the Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks of the ſeveral and reſpective Counties, Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, Boroughs and Towns in *Ireland*; and that the ſaid ſeveral Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks ſhall and they are hereby required, with all convenient Speed, to cauſe the ſaid Act to be diſtributed amongſt the acting Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Limits, and alſo to cauſe a ſufficient Number of the Schedule to this Act annexed, to be delivered to the High and Petty Conſtables of the different Baronies and Half Baronies within their reſpective Counties, at the firſt Quarter Seſſions of the Peace which ſhall be held after the in the Year 3

Miniſters, &c. of Pariſhes, to take an Account in Writing of Perſons in their Limits, and prepare Returns.

And be it further Enacted, That within that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, the High and Petty Conſtables ſo deſcribed as aforeſaid, within their reſpective Juriſdictions aforeſaid, ſhall, at the ſaid Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, purſuant to the Directions aforeſaid, receive from the Clerks of the Peace, or the Town Clerks, the ſaid printed Schedules, and forthwith deliver, or cauſe to be delivered, one ſuch Schedule to the Rector, Vicar, Curate, or other officiating Miniſter of every Pariſh, as well within Towns Corporate as without, in their reſpective Limits; and alſo one ſuch Schedule to all and every ſuch ſubſtantial Houſeholder or Houſeholders reſiding within the ſaid Pariſh, or extra parochial Place, who ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, and thereupon ſuch ſubſtantial Houſeholder or Houſeholders as aforeſaid, taking to his or their Aſſiſtance the Churchwardens, Pariſh Clerk and Veſtry Clerk (if any) and employing, if they ſhall think fit, the Conſtables or other Peace Officers for ſuch Pariſhes or Places, ſuch ſeveral Perſons being hereby required to be aiding and aſſiſting therein for that Purpoſe, ſhall upon the 4
Day of in the Year
proceed to take an Account in writing of the Number of Perſons at that Time being within the Limits of ſuch Pariſhes and Places reſpectively, and inform themſelves of the ſeveral Particulars relating to the Matters ſpecified in the Three firſt Queſtions in the ſaid Schedule, by proceeding together or ſeparately from Houſe to Houſe, or otherwiſe, as they ſhall judge expedient for the better execution of this Act, and from ſuch Information ſhall prepare an Anſwer or Return to the ſaid Queſtions according to the Form preſcribed in the ſaid Schedule, and ſhall ſign the ſame with their Names and reſpective Additions as ſubſtantial Houſeholders as aforeſaid; and the better to enable the ſaid ſubſtantial Houſeholders as aforeſaid to make ſuch Anſwers and Returns, they and the Perſons ſo aſſiſting them as aforeſaid are hereby authorized and empowered to aſk all ſuch Queſtions of the Perſons within the ſaid Pariſh and Place, reſpecting themſelves, and the Number and Quality of the Perſons conſtituting their reſpective Families, as ſhall be neceſſary for ſtating the Particulars required to be ſtated concerning them in the ſaid Anſwers and Returns; and every ſuch Perſon refuſing to anſwer or wilfully giving a falſe Anſwer to ſuch Queſtions, or any of them, ſhall for every ſuch Refuſal or falſe Anſwer, forfeit a Sum not exceeding nor leſs than 5
at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Penalty on refuſing to anſwer, &c.

Juſtices to appoint a Time for

And be it further Enacted, That the Juſtices of the Peace or any Two or more of them, within their reſpective Juriſdictions in *Ireland*, ſhall, at or ſo

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ſo ſoon as conveniently may be after the ſaid Quarter Seſſions in the Year appoint a Time and Place or Times and Places (which Time ſhall be not ſooner than the Day of nor later than the Day of in the Year and may be at the Quarter Seſſions if they ſhall think fit) for ſuch ſubſtantial Houſeholders as aforeſaid to attend them, for the Purpoſe of this Act, with Returns and Anſwers to the ſaid Three Queſtions ſtated in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and cauſe Notice thereof to be given to ſuch Houſeholders reſpectively, according to the Form of the Schedule to this Act; and thereupon ſuch ſubſtantial Houſeholders appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall and they are hereby required to attend the Juſtices of the Peace at ſuch Meeting or Meetings reſpectively, and then and there deliver to the ſaid Juſtices, in writing ſigned by themſelves, a juſt and true 6 Anſwer and Return to the ſaid Queſtions, upon Oath (or, being of the People called Quakers, on Affirmation) as hereinafter directed; and the ſaid High Conſtables or other proper Officers ſo deſcribed as aforeſaid, ſhall and they are hereby required to attend the ſaid reſpective Meetings for the Purpoſes hereinafter directed.

Houſeholders to attend with Returns.

The ſame to be delivered upon Oath.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace ſhall and they are hereby required to receive and take at ſuch Meetings ſo to be appointed by them as aforeſaid, the Anſwers and Returns to be made purſuant to the Directions aforeſaid, and then and there to adminiſter to the ſaid ſubſtantial Houſeholders the Oath or Affirmation contained in the ſaid Schedule (and if they ſee cauſe) to examine ſuch Houſeholders upon Oath or Affirmation, touching any of the Matters contained in ſuch Queſtions and Anſwers, and if neceſſary, to adjourn the ſaid Meetings to any Time or Times not later than the ſaid Day of and to any Place or Places within their reſpective Counties, in order that the ſaid Returns may be rendered more complete or ſatisfactory, and ſhall then deliver ſuch Anſwers and Returns to the reſpective High Conſtables of the reſpective Baronies in their reſpective Juriſdictions as aforeſaid, who ſhall thereupon endorſe on each of ſuch Returns the Name of the County, and 7 alſo of the Barony wherein the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place therein mentioned is ſituate, and ſhall deliver or tranſmit ſuch Returns, together with a true and perfect Liſt of the Names of the Houſeholders aforeſaid, to whom ſuch Schedule ſhall have been delivered as aforeſaid, to the ſeveral Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks for the Counties in which the ſaid Juſtices are authorized to act, at their reſpective Offices, on or before the Day of

Returns to be tranſmitted with a Liſt of the Names of Houſeholders, to the Clerks of the Peace.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſeveral Accounts ſo taken in writing by the Houſeholders ſo appointed as aforeſaid in every Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, within that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Ireland*, for the Purpoſe of preparing the aforeſaid Anſwers and Returns, ſhall be ſafely kept and preſerved by the Churchwardens and Chapelwardens in *Ireland*, or other Perſons appointed as aforeſaid in *Ireland* for the Time being, of the ſeveral Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places to which the ſame relate, and ſhall be delivered over by them to their Succeſſors in Office reſpectively; and that the ſaid Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks throughout *Ireland* ſhall, on or before the Day of tranſmit, with all convenient ſpeed, ſuch Anſwers and Returns as they ſhall have received in Manner aforeſaid 8 (together with a Liſt of the Pariſhes, Townſhips, and Places within their

Accounts taken by Houſeholders to be kept in Pariſhes, and the Returns tranſmitted to the Office of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, to be laid before Parliament.

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reſpective Counties from whence no Returns have been made to them) to the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor of *Ireland* for the Time being, and that the ſame ſhall be digeſted and reduced into order by ſuch Officer as ſuch Secretary ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe; and that an Abſtract thereof ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament, within Six Weeks after the ſaid Day of or if Parliament ſhall not be then ſitting, within the firſt Fourteen Days of the Seſſion next enſuing.

Perſons employed under the Act, to be allowed their Expences.

And be it further Enacted, That there ſhall be allowed for the Trouble and Expences of the ſeveral Perſons employed in the Tranſactions aforeſaid, for every Return which ſhall be ſo made and tranſmitted to the Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks reſpectively, purſuant to the Directions aforeſaid, the Sums following, videlicet, To the Clerk of the Peace or Town Clerk, for the Return which ſhall be made from every ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place in *Ireland*, the Sum of to the High Conſtable or other proper Officer in *Ireland*, for the like, the Sum of to the Clerks of the Juſtices of the Peace throughout *Ireland*, for the like, the Sum of And that the Juſtices of the Peace in *Ireland*, at their reſpective Quarter Seſſions in the Year ſhall and are hereby required to aſcertain the Amount of any reaſonable Compenſation for the Trouble and Expences which they ſhall be ſatisfied have been *bona fide* and neceſſarily incurred in the execution of this Act, by ſuch High Conſtables, Houſeholders, Pariſh Clerk or Veſtry Clerk in *Ireland*, and to certify the ſame, together with the Amount of the Sums hereby appointed for the Peace or Town Clerk, the High Conſtable, and the Clerks of the Juſtices, to the Secretaries of the reſpective Grand Juries of *Ireland*, for the Aſſizes next after the ſame ſhall be ſo certified; and the ſaid reſpective Secretaries are hereby required to lay the ſame before the ſaid Grand Juries, who are hereby required to preſent the Amount thereof, to be levied off the County at large, to be paid to the Treaſurer of the ſaid County, and by him paid over to the ſeveral Perſons, and in the Proportion aſcertained by the Certificate of the ſaid Juſtices; and in Default of the ſaid Grand Juries making ſuch Preſentment, the ſaid reſpective Treaſurers are hereby empowered and required to add the Amount of the Sums ſo certified to the Amount of the Sum preſented by ſuch Grand Jury at ſuch Aſſizes, to be levied off the the County at large, and to iſſue his Warrant to levy the ſame in ſuch Manner as if the ſame had been preſented by ſuch Grand Jury, and to pay over the ſame to the ſeveral Perſons and in the Proportion aſcertained by the Certificate of the ſaid Juſtices.

Penalty on Perſons making wilful Default.

And be it further Enacted, That every ſuch Clerk of the Peace, Town Clerk, High Conſtable, or other ſuch Officer as aforeſaid, and alſo every ſuch Churchwarden, Pariſh Clerk, Veſtry Clerk, and Houſeholder, or other Perſon ſo appointed as aforeſaid, making wilful Default in any of the Matters required of them reſpectively by this Act, ſhall for every ſuch wilful Default forfeit a Sum not exceeding nor leſs than at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſeveral Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by this Act, ſhall, if not immediately paid, be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace having Juriſdiction where ſuch Offender ſhall dwell, rendering the ſaid Offender the Overplus

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plus (if any) after the Charge of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale ſhall be deducted; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, then it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice to commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol, there to
11 remain without Bail or Mainprize, for a Term not exceeding
Calendar Months, unleſs the ſaid Forfeiture and Charges ſhall be ſooner paid; and the ſaid Forfeitures, when recovered, ſhall be paid one Half to the Informer, and the other Half to the ſaid reſpective Treaſurers, to be applied in aid of the Preſentments aforeſaid; and any Perſon ſhall be deemed a competent Witneſs for the Execution of any of the Purpoſes of this Act, notwithſtanding his paying, or being liable to pay, towards County Rates.

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Schedule 1.

QUESTIONS to which, by Directions of an Act paſſed in the Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King GEORGE the Third, intituled, "An Act for taking an Account of the Population of *Ireland*," written Anſwers are to be returned by ſome ſubſtantial Houſeholder of every Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place (including thoſe Places alſo which are extra Parochial) in *Ireland*, ſigned by them reſpectively, and atteſted upon Oath or Affirmation by ſuch ſubſtantial Houſeholders as aforeſaid in *Ireland*; for which Purpoſe they are to attend the Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Juriſdictions, at ſuch Times and Places as the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace ſhall appoint, on pain of incurring the Penalties impoſed by the ſaid Act, for every wilful Default or Neglect.

1ſt. HOW many Inhabited Houſes are there in your Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place; by how many Families are they occupied; and how many Houſes therein are uninhabited?

2d. HOW many Perſons (including Children of whatever Age) are there actually found within the Limits of your Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place at the Time of taking this Account, diſtinguiſhing Males and Females, and excluſive of Men actually ſerving in His Majeſty's Regular Forces or Militia, and excluſive of Seamen, either in His Majeſty's Service or belonging to Regiſtered Veſſels?

3d. WHAT number of Perſons in your Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, are chiefly employed in Agriculture; how many in Trade, Manufactures or Handicraft; and how many are not comprized in any of the preceding Claſſes?

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FORM of ANSWERS, by the Houſekeepers in *Ireland*, to the "An Act for taking an Account

COUNTY, &c.	HUNDRED, &c.	CITY, TOWN, &c.	PARISH, &c.	Queſtion 1ſt. HOUSES.			Queſtion 2d. PERSONS; including children of whatever Age.	
				Inhabited.	By how many Families Occupied.	Uninhabited.	Males.	Females.

N. B. If any Family occupies Two or more Houſes, in different Pariſhes, numbered only in thoſe Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places, where

REMARKS in Explanation of the Matters ſtated

1ſt Queſtion - - - - -
2d Queſtion - - - - -
3d Queſtion - - - - -

ATTESTATION on Oath (*or* Affirmation)

I, *A. B.* one of the ſubſtantial Houſeholders of the Pariſh, Townſhip, &c. of in the County of do ſwear (*or* affirm) that the above Return contains, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Anſwer to the Queſtions contained in the Schedule to an

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QUESTIONS contained in the Schedule to an Act, intituled, of the Population of *Ireland.*"

Total of PERSONS, in Answer to Question 2d.	Question 3d. OCCUPATIONS.			TOTAL OF PERSONS.
	Persons chiefly employed in Agriculture.	Persons chiefly employed in Trade, Manufactures, or Handicraft.	All other Persons not comprized in the Two preceding Classes.	N. B. This Column must correspond with the Total of Persons in Answer to Question 2d.

Townships, or Places, the Individuals belonging to such Family are to be they severally happen to be at the Time of taking the Account.

in Answer to the preceeding QUESTIONS.

by the Substantial Householders in *Ireland.*

an Act, intituled, "An Act for taking an Account of the Population of *Ireland.*

The abovementioned *A. B.* was sworn (*or* affirmed) before us, the Justices of the Peace in and for the of this Day of

C. D. and *E. F.*

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2.

FORM of the PRECEPT for giving Notice to High Conſtables, Overſeers, and Houſeholders in *Ireland*, of the Time and Place appointed by Juſtices of the Peace, for taking the Anſwers and Returns under this Act.

The County, &c. to wit. } To the Petty Conſtable of the Pariſh of
You are hereby required, with all convenient ſpeed to give, or cauſe to be given, Notice to the High Conſtable of the Barony of and *A. B.* (a ſubſtantial Houſeholder therein) and they are ſeverally required to appear at on the Day of next, at the Hour of in the Forenoon, before ſuch of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace as ſhall be then and there aſſembled, and that the ſaid Houſeholders as aforeſaid, or ſome one of them, for every ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, are then and there to deliver upon Oath or Affirmation, a juſt and true Account in writing, ſigned by themſelves, containing an Anſwer to the ſeveral Queſtions propounded in the Schedule to an Act intituled, "An Act for taking an Account of the Population of *Ireland*." Given under my Hand [*or* our Hands] this Day of in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Eight Hundred and

3.

FORM of the OATH or Affirmation to the Return.

You ſhall ſwear [*or* affirm] that the Anſwers and Return now made by you to the ſeveral Queſtions contained in the Schedule annexed to an Act intituled "An Act for taking an Account of the Population of *Ireland*," is a full and trueAnſwer to the ſaid Queſtions, to the beſt of your knowledge and belief.

4.

FORM of ENDORSEMENT by the High Conſtables in *Ireland*.

County of

City, Borough, Town, or County Corporate of

Barony, Pariſh &c. of

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